



May 18, 2012

On Tuesday it was **Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Day**, and this week, Police Recognition Week, to recognize the vital role each of you play in serving our community. Every day, police officers work to protect our citizens, enforce our laws, and keep our neighborhoods safe. All our officers go on duty knowing full well the dangers they may face and the sacrifices they may be called upon to make. All our officers consistently serve with honor, respect and compassion toward our fellow citizens. For this service we are grateful. We also remember the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of a safer, more just society. I also want to recognize the support and non-sworn staff that play a crucial in delivering public safety services to the community. Thank you all for being the professional, service-oriented team that you are. We appreciate the positive difference you make in the community each day. The photo is from the Fallen Officer Memorial that happened last night at the Franklin Theatre. *(Photo courtesy of the Williamson Herald)*



New AED's have been delivered to all departments who had existing AED's. Dixie Medical (a local company) was awarded the bid to replace 14 existing (out-dated) LifePak 500 AED's with brand new CR Plus AED's. The new AED's are **FULLY AUTOMATED**. There are no buttons to push. Just open the cover, apply the pads, and allow the device to do the job. The device will speak to you and let you know when to "Clear" the patient and when to resume CPR. 46 non-medically trained City Employees became certified through CPR classes held for the City in 2011 (this is in addition to the employees taught through in-service in the Police Department and Fire Department) Plans are in place to offer additional CPR classes to City Employees again this year

AED's are currently located:



- Police Department (1 on the ground floor, 1 on the main floor, 2 on the 2nd floor)
- Solid Waste (1 in the main office and 1 in the transfer station)
- Water Department (1 in the break-room, 1 in the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and 1 in the Water Treatment Plant)
- City Hall (in the hallway)
- Training Center (in the kitchen)



Street Department (in the bay) A job well done by the **Franklin Streets Department** this week as they demonstrated the **Infrared Patch Truck**. Three Nashville television stations and our local papers covered the event. Some fantastic statistics so far include; more patches in the first four months of this year than the entire year of 2011; we've saved about \$9,000 per month using the new method/equipment; and we now use one truck and a crew of three and patch a pothole in about

20 minutes, compared to the old way of about 7 employees and five pieces of equipment and 2-3 hours. **An important part of this service improvement is that this idea was developed and a case made for this improvement by our employee team in the Streets Department.** A special recognition to **Don Terry in Street** who led the charge in developing and implementing this idea. The demonstration was very professional and **impressed all attendees.**



The 13th Annual Employee Health and Wellness Fair will be next Friday, May 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Please be sure to attend for the opportunity to learn more about health risks, have your blood pressure and/or glucose level checked, get your eye glasses repaired and scratches buffed out, sample healthy food options, register for door prizes and free giveaways. Gifts will be available for the first 300 employees to stop by the registration table.

Celebrating **National Bike Month**, certified bicycle patrol officers from the **Franklin Police Department** will overview bike safety and education during this two-hour block on Saturday at the Sullivan Farms Clubhouse on Donelson Creek Parkway. The event is designed to help kids learn the 'rules of the road.' An obstacle course will be used to help teach the principals, so please bring your kids and their bikes.

MIT's Tracey Poteete is this week's winner for the Mayor's parking space. Sally Bittner nominated Tracey, she said, "I would like to recommend Tracey Poteete of the MIT Department for the Mayor's Parking Spot. Tracey is always wearing a smile on her face and anytime I have needed assistance from the MIT Department she is always willing to help to find a quick answer or to resolve the problem herself. She is always courteous and very professional." **Tracy can begin parking in the Mayor's spot Monday, May 21. Nominate anyone you see doing a good job at agoodjob@franklinton.gov .**

Have a great weekend. Thanks for all you do!

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